

Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention is directed to novel polypeptides having sequence identity with  
5 IL-17 and to nucleic acid molecules encoding those polypeptides. Also provided herein are  
vectors and host cells comprising those nucleic acid sequences, chimeric polypeptide  
molecules comprising the polypeptides of the present invention fused to heterologous  
polypeptide sequences, antibodies which bind to the polypeptides of the present invention  
and to methods for producing the polypeptides of the present invention. Further provided  
10 herein are methods for treating degenerative cartilaginous disorders.